

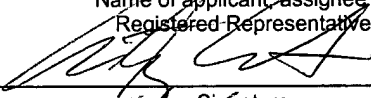
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In re Application of:

Naoya HASEGAWA

Serial No. 10/015,091

Filing Date: 10/23/2001

For: Spin-Valve Thin-Film Magnetic
Element Without Sensing Current
Shunt and Thin-Film Magnetic Head
Including the Same

Examiner: Miller, Brian E.

Art Unit No.: 2652

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(d)

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Dear Sir:

A Notice of Allowance was issued on February 23, 2005, having a Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b) of 137 days. For the reasons stated herein, reconsideration of this patent term adjustment is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the patent term adjustment under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b) is requested. A Notice of Allowance issued for Application No.: 10/015,091 on February 23, 2005. A copy of the Notice of Allowance and the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment are attached at Exhibit A. Correction of the patent term adjustment to add 250 days to the patent term, as substantiated below, is respectfully requested. Please charge the petition fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18(e) to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. Please charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

The patent term adjustment for Application No.: 10/015,091 is calculated as shown below. Dates are specified based on the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system Patent Term Adjustment History, attached as Exhibit B. Note that Application No.: 10/015,091 is not subject to a terminal disclaimer.

This request for reconsideration is timely filed as it accompanies the payment of the issue fees. As the three year period under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(b) has expired, the Applicant respectfully submits that additional term extension is appropriate based on the actual issue date of the patent.

Period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)

The period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a) (1) is the number of days in the period beginning on the day after that date that is fourteen months after the date on which the application was filed under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a) and ending on the date of mailing or either an action under 35 U.S.C. § 132 or a notice of allowance under 35 U.S.C. § 151, whichever comes first.

The present application was filed on October 23, 2001. The 14 month date specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a) is December 12, 2002. The first PTO action was a

requirement for restriction mailed May 28, 2003. The difference between the 14 month date and the date of mailing of the requirement for restriction is 156 days.

The period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703 (a) (5) is the number of days in the period beginning on the day after the date that is four months after the date of a reply in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 (c) was filed and ending on the date of mailing or either an action under 35 U.S.C. § 132 or a notice of allowance under 35 U.S.C. § 151, whichever comes first. A responsive reply was filed on October 4, 2004, and the 4 month period was February 23, 2005. A notice of allowance issued on February 23, 2005. The difference between the 4 month date and the issuance of the notice of allowance is 19 days.

The total period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a) is thus 175 days.

Period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(b)

The period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(b) is the number of days in the period beginning on the day ("the 3 year date") after the date that is three years after the date on which the application was filed under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a).

The present application was filed on October 23, 2001. The 3 year date specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(b) is October 23, 2004. The Notice of Allowance issued on February 23, 2005. The difference between the 3 year date and the issue date is 123 days.

Reduction in period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b)

With respect to the grounds for adjustment set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)-(e), an applicant is deemed to have failed to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of an application for the cumulative total of any periods or time in excess of three months that are taken to reply to any notice or action by the Office. Any such three month period is measured from the date the notice or action was mailed to the applicant. The period of adjustment set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.703 shall be reduced by the number of days beginning on the day after the date that is three months after the date of mailing of the Office communication.

In the present application, a restriction requirement issued on May 28, 2003. The 3 month date for this communication is August 28, 2003. A Response to the restriction requirement was received by the Office on October 3, 2004, so the reduction in period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b) is 36 days. Further, a non-final rejection issued on July 2, 2004. The 3 month date for this communication is October 2, 2004. A Response to the restriction requirement was received by the Office on October 4, 2004, so the reduction in period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b) is 2 days. The cumulative reduction in the period of adjustment is 38 days.

Total patent term adjustment

For the present application, the total patent term adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(f) is the period of adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703 reduced by the reduction under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704. The total adjustment is thus 175 days + 123 days – 38 days = 250 days. This adjustment does not include any further adjustments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(b) to the actual date of issue of the resulting patent.

Accordingly, reconsideration of the patent term adjustment for Application No.: 10/015,091 is respectfully requested. Office personnel are invited to contact the undersigned attorneys for the Applicant via telephone if such communication would expedite this request.

Respectfully submitted,



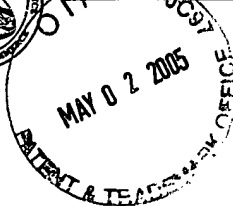
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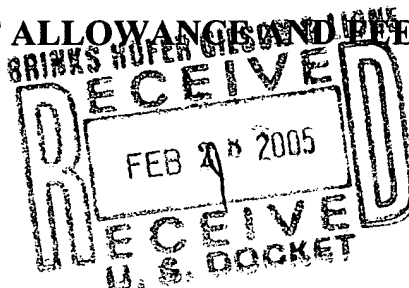
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TITLE OF INVENTION: SPIN-VALVE THIN-FILM MAGNETIC ELEMENT WITHOUT SENSING CURRENT SHUNT AND THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD INCLUDING THE SAME

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 137 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 137 day(s).

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

Applicant will be able to obtain more detailed information by accessing the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) WEB site (<http://pair.uspto.gov>).

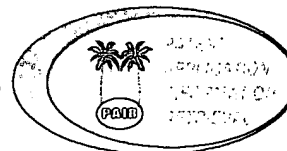
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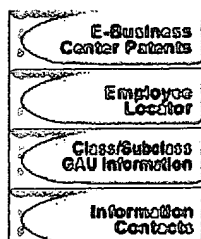
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